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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 2931

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SUBJECT: UNSYG GUYER'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS MAY 21

1. UNDOF COMMANDER PHILIPP TOLD CHARGE MAY 21 THAT HE HAD
VERY LITTLE INFORMATION TO PASS ON RE MEETINGS WHICH UNSYG
GUYER AND JONAH HAD WITH FONMIN KHADDAM AND WITH PLO CHAIRMAN
ARAFAT EARLIER IN THE DAY. SIILASVUO HAD ATTENDED OPENING
OF TALKS WITH KHADDAM BUT HAD BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE BEFORE
SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS BEGAN. ONLY SUBJECT WHICH
HAD BEEN
RAISED IN HIS PRESENCE WAS GUYER'S REQUEST TO
KHADDAM THAT ADF FORCES ALLOW UN FORCES TO USE ZAHARANI
SITE AS UN HEADQUARTERS. KHADDAM'S REACTION HAD BEEN THAT
THIS ISSUE COULD BE HANDLED AT A LOWER LEVEL. PHILIPP SAID
GUYER HAD REQUESTED MEETING WITH ASSAD, BUT HAD BEEN
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REFERRED TO KHADDAM.

2. SIILASVUOHAD BEEN FURIOUS AT BEING ASKED TO LEAVE
MEETING, PHILIPP SAID, AND ADDED THAT THIS WAS ANOTHER
EXAMPLE OF UN MILITARY COMMANDERS BEING DETERMINED BY
UN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.

3. PRESS ACCOUNT OF KHADDAM-GUYER MEETING STATED THAT GUYER HAD PRESENTED LETTER TO ASSAD FROM WALDHEIM AND HAD DISCUSSED UNIFIL OPERATIONS AND DIFFICULTIES FACING UNIFIL FORCES IN CARRYING OUT THEIR MISSION. GUYER HAD STATED THAT PRINCIPAL GOAL WAS TO SET FIRM DATE FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. PRESS STATED THAT TWO SIDES WERE IN FULL AGREEMENT ON THE NECESSITY FOR ISRAEL TO SET A FIRM DATE TO COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS FORCES FROM SOUTH LEBANON.

4. REGARDING GUYER'S MEETING WITH ARAFAT, PHILIPP SAID ONLY THAT ARAFAT HAD LECTURED UN OFFICIALS EXTENSIVELY ON PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND ITS RIGHTS. MAY 22 PRESS PUBLISHED PLO STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING IN WHICH FAROUK QADDUMI CONFIRMED PLO'S READINESS TO ASSIST UN FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS HAD NO EFFECT ON THE RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO BE PRESENT IN LEBANON. QADDUMI SAID THE TALKS HAD CLARIFIED SEVERAL POINTS ARISING FROM THE STATEMENTS OF SOME UNIFIL OFFICIALS IN LEBANON AND HAD CONFIRMED THAT THE PRINCIPAL TASK OF UNIFIL WAS TO GUARANTEE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM SOUTH LEBANON. QADDUMI SAID PLO HAD EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION OF EFFORTS OF UNSECGEN WALDHEIM TO RESOLVE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND ADDED THAT PROBLEMS WHICH AROSE IN THE RELATIONS OF THE PLO WITH UNIFIL SHOULD BE SOLVED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

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5. WHILE QADDUMI STATEMENT MADE NO REFERENCE TO CAIRO ACCORDS, SECOND PRESS ITEM REPORTING ON RESULTS OF PALESTINIAN CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING MAY 21 STATED THAT PCC HAD CONFIRMED ITS ADHERENCE TO CAIRO AGREEMENT AND ITS ANNEXES INCLUDING CHTAURA AGREEMENT "WHICHNKS AN AFFIRMATION OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY."

6. COMMENT: WE EXPECT AMCONGEN JERUSALEM OR USUN WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FULLER READOUT ON GUYER'S MEETINGS FROM REGULAR UN SOURCES.
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